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1. IN THE CONTEXT OF QUESTION OF AUSTRALIAN ASSIGNMENT
OF OFFICER TO UN/KOREA REAR ECHELON DETACHMENT IN JAPAN
(NOTAL), BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM NEWS ITEMS
ATTRIBUTED TO "A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT" IN THE "CANBERRA
TIMES" OF SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7 ARE OF INTEREST:

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FROM CANBERRA TIMES OF SEPT. 6,
1978: "A ROW HAS FLARED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OVER PROPOSALS FOR A VISIT TO CHINA BY THE JOINT
SERVICES STAFF COLLEGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.
"THE PROPOSED VISIT, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE BY
MEMBERS OF THE FIRST COURSE AT THE COLLEGE NEXT YEAR, HAS
RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE CHINA SECTION OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS BUT HAS BEEN BITTERLY OPPOSED BY THE AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND THE SOVIET DESK IN CANBERRA."
"THE COURSES, USUALLY ATTENDED BY MIDDLE-LEVEL
MILITARY AND A FEW CIVILIAN OFFICERS, NORMALLY INCLUDE
AN OVERSEAS REGIONAL COUNTRY ON A FAMILIARISATION TOUR
AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE TOURING WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
"IN RECENT YEARS COURSES HAVE INCLUDED VISITS TO JAPAN,

THE PHILIPPINES, NEW ZEALAND, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES. SO FAR NO COURSE HAS INCLUDED VISITING SOUTH KOREA OR TO A COMMUNIST COUNTRY."

3. FROM THE CANBERRA TIMES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1978:

"SUGGESTIONS THAT A JSSC VISIT BE MADE TO SOUTH KOREA WERE UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DESPITE THE RELATIVELY CLOSE MILITARY LINKS BETWEEN THIS COUNTRY AND SOUTH KOREA, WHICH MAINTAINS A MILITARY ATTACHE IN CANBERRA, A FACILITY AFFORDED VERY FEW COUNTRIES.

"THE SUGGESTION THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN INDUSTRIAL "MIRACLE" MIGHT BE A WORTHY OBJECT OF JSSC STUDY WAS OPPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE GROUND THAT SUCH A TOUR MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD BOTH IN PEKING AND MOSCOW."

"IN THE CASE OF THE SUGGESTION OF A VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA THERE WAS VERY PROMPT DISAPPROVAL AND THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DID NOT PURSUE IT.

"SOUTH KOREA HAS EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH AUSTRALIA ON SEVERAL DEFENCE-RELATED MATTERS, ONE OF WHICH CONCERNED THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION BY SEOUL OF AUSTRALIAN-BUILT JINDIVIK TARGET AIRCRAFT.

"REQUESTS BY SOUTH KOREA FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE JINDIVIK WERE DELAYED FOR MONTHS BEFORE CONSENT WAS GRANTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION NOT MUCH MORE DETAILED THAN THAT AVAILABLE IN PUBLIC JOURNALS.

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"IN THE EVENT, AFTER MONTHS OF PROCRASTINATION IN CANBERRA, THE KOREANS PLACED AN ORDER FOR TARGET AIRCRAFT ELSEWHERE". END UNCLASSIFIED.

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